



There are seven principal officers connected with the Post Office Department at Washington. One of them is taken from the Eastern States, six from the Slave and none from the Western Free States, as follows:

Joseph Holt, of Kentucky, Postmaster General;

Horatio King, of Maine, First Assistant Postmaster General;

Wm. H. Gamble, of Virginia, Second Assistant Postmaster General—Contract office;

A. N. Zewell, of North Carolina, Third Assistant Postmaster General—Finance Office;

Benjamin M. Clements, of Tennessee, Clerk—In charge of the Inspection Office;

The Post Master of Virginia, Auditor of the Treasury for the Post Office Department;

Henry St. George O'Neil, of Missouri, Chief Clerk of Accounts.

It is in accordance with the Democratic idea of a National distribution of offices.

Hundreds of Western Post Offices have been discontinued since the adjournment of Congress, and hundreds of Post routes have been abolished, or the service reduced from daily to tri-weekly, and tri-weekly to weekly, mail.

The estimation of the cost of routes, to be

reduced, is that of the Post Office Department;

Henry St. George O'Neil, of Missouri, Chief Clerk of Accounts.

The net increase in the post offices of the

United States is as follows:

1858. 1857. Increase.



